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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Eiichi FUKUSAWA, et al.  
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned  
Filed: August 23, 2006  
For: APPARATUS FOR PRODUCTION OF METAL  
CHLORIDE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 23, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to  
calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows:

Amendments to the Claims; —

Remarks are included following the amendments.